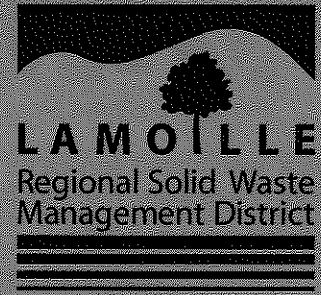


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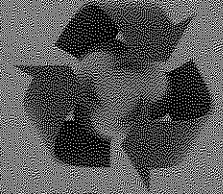
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## RECYCLING = SAVING MONEY.

The LRSWMD consists of the 10 towns in Lamoille County plus Worcester and Craftsbury. Each town is represented by a Supervisor and the 12-member Board of Supervisors meet monthly. **Back in 1996, the LRSWMD Board voted to make recycling mandatory and they established a two-pronged strategy to help residents meet that mandate.**

First, for those who self-haul their trash, recycling containers are located at every depot we operate, making it a one-stop reverse shopping. Furthermore, the cost of recycling at our depots is considerably less than trash (\$3.50 for trash and \$.50 for recycling) so there is a considerable financial incentive built into recycling. Imagine what you could do with an additional \$3.00 per week or \$156 per year if you turned one bag of trash into one bag of recyclables (or make that \$6.00 per week or \$312 per year for 2 bags)!



Second, all trash haulers who operate in the LRSWMD are *required* to offer curbside recycling at least once per month if they are picking up your trash curbside. Be sure you ask them for this service if you do not want to self-haul your recyclables. The LRSWMD sells recycling bins to help you organize your recycling at home. These can be purchased at the LRSWMD office at 29 Sunset Drive in Morrisville (*across from the Morrisville Mobil on Route 15 at the light*), or any of our six stations in Morrisville, Stowe, Johnson, Worcester, Eden and Craftsbury.

## New & Improved!

Only \$5 each

Holds up to  
14 gallons



Other ways to save on your disposal bill include reducing the trash you generate by using reusable bags available at all grocery stores, and backyard composting (we have composting bins for sale at the office as well). Let us know how WE can help YOU recycle.

## GREAT JOB LAMOILLE RESIDENTS! Here are the tons of recycling and special wastes collected from LRSWMD stations in FY 2010!

<b>Recycling</b>	<b>839.70 tons</b>	<b>Scrap Metal</b>	<b>185.06 tons</b>
<b>Hardcover Books</b>	<b>4.45 tons</b>	<b>Textiles</b>	<b>14.48 tons</b>
<b>Computers &amp; TVs</b>	<b>53.74 tons</b>	<b>Tires</b>	<b>91.83 tons</b>

**We also collected 718 propane tanks, 179 car batteries, 15,649 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs, 390 freon appliances, AND we sold over 100 Soil Saver Compost Bins and 124 Kitchen Collectors.**

VBMX is a web-based service for the exchange of reusable items from businesses, municipalities, and non-profit organizations to the general public.

[www.vbmx.org](http://www.vbmx.org)

If you are a business, municipality, or non-profit, VBMX can reduce your trash and trash disposal bills, and save you money on supplies. Their easy-to-use website features these categories:

Agricultural Products	Glass	Paint & Surface Coatings
Alkali	Industrial Equipment	Paper
Chemicals	Metal/Metal Sludges	Plastic & Rubber
Computers & Electronics	Minerals	Point of Sale
Construction & Salvage	Office Equipment	Restaurant Equipment
Containers (drums, pails, etc.)	Oil, Wax & Lubricants	Solvents
Fiberglass	Other business material	Textile & Leather
Food/Organics	Packaging (boxes, peanuts, etc.)	Wood & Pallets

To post your items or view others' listings, go to: [www.vbmx.org](http://www.vbmx.org).

**As of January 1, 2011, the following items will be banned from landfills.**

- Computers
- Peripherals
- Computer Monitors
- Printers
- CRT's
- TV's
- PDA's, MP3 Players
- Electronic Game Consoles
- Fax Machines
- Wireless Phones
- Telephones
- Answering Machines
- VCR's
- DVD Players
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Stereo Equipment
- E-device Power Cords & Chargers

Please recycle these items at any of our Transfer Stations.

## FOR THE 1ST TIME SINCE 1994, LRSWMD FINDS IT NECESSARY TO INCREASE SURCHARGE

The Board of Supervisors of the LRSWMD voted on July 13 to increase the surcharge they collect for trash disposal, effective September 1, 2010. This is the first time the District has increased the surcharge since 1994, and it is still among the lowest in the state. Only haulers licensed by the LRSWMD are required to pay the surcharge.

The increase is needed to improve diversion of food scraps and household hazardous waste, to rebuild aging infrastructure and equipment through a capital budget plan, to address a growing demand for reused items, to attain recycling goals, and to replenish reserves that have been significantly diminished over the past few years.

"The Board has deliberated for over a year about raising rates and has not come to the decision lightly", says Susan Alexander, Manager of the LRSWMD. "They understand the impacts of raising rates but they also acknowledge we have lost a significant amount of revenue previously generated from the disposal of construction and demolition debris. They know it is necessary to support the overall mission of the LRSWMD - *to reduce the amount and toxicity of the waste stream, and to continue providing a full suite of solid waste services.* In the past, the LRSWMD has lowered its rates, and it is not unfeasible to think they could be adjusted downward in the future once the District programs and facilities are up to desired standards."

Starting on September 1, the surcharge paid by licensed haulers will increase as follows:

Item	Current Price	New Price as of Sept. 1
Garbage Surcharge	\$16.50/ton	\$18.50/ton
Construction & Demolition Debris Surcharge	\$12.00/ton	\$14.00/ton

Residents who self-haul their trash to our depots will see this increase in fees.

15 gallon bag	\$1.75/each	\$2.00/each
30 gallon bag	\$3.00/each	\$3.50/each
45 gallon bag	\$4.75/each	\$5.00/each
Stowe Scale Fee	\$125/ton	\$145/ton

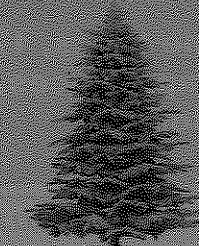
**There will be no change to the cost of recycling.**

Not only is recycling mandatory for all residents of the LRSWMD, but due to the new price structure, it makes economic sense as well. Assistance is available for those who want to learn more about how and where to recycle by calling the office at 888-7317 or by visiting one of our drop-off stations.

### Where Does LRSWMD Get Its Funding?

- Haulers pay a surcharge for all tons of trash from within the district that are disposed of in landfills.
- We receive income for trash, recycling and special wastes delivered to our drop-off locations.

Town Assessments to support the District have not been levied since 1996.



It's hard to believe winter is right around the corner. Now is the time to start thinking about how you can reduce your waste over the holiday season. Wrapping paper is largely to blame for a 25% hike in curbside trash volume between Thanksgiving and New Years. Here are some creative ways to reduce, reuse and recycle!

Cut & glue holiday cards around a small box to make a decorate box for gifts.

Wrap your gifts in scarfs, old posters or maps, old sheet music, wallpaper scraps or outdated calendars.

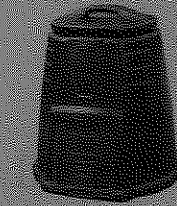
Use holiday cards as bookmarks, gift tags or place-holders for dinner parties.

If a card has a snowman, tree, or Santa, cut around the picture and attach it to a popsicle stick. Put in a plant for a unique decoration.

## IMPROVEMENTS TO MORRISVILLE TRANSFER STATION

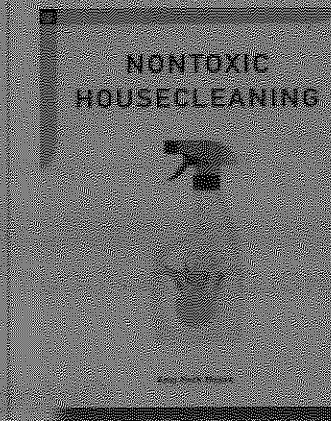
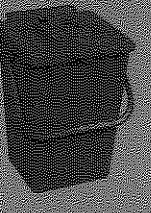
The LRSWMD has recently improved its services at the Morrisville Transfer Station located on Trombley Hill. In the past, only mixed recycling and trash were accepted. With minor modifications to the site, we are now able to offer full service, accepting tires, scrap metal, large appliances, and a small reuse room. The hours will remain the same: every Saturday from 8:30am to 1:30pm.

\$45



Still Available for  
Fall Clean-up

\$10



Are you ready to make the switch to natural, safe, home-made household cleaners? Not only are nontoxic, homemade cleaners better for your family, pets, guests, home and planet, they also save you money and are actually fun to make and use! If you're ready to give it a try, you'll find all you need to know in **NONTOXIC HOUSE-CLEANING** by local author Amy Kolb Noyes. Pick up a copy at a local bookstore today.

**SAMPLE RECIPE!**

### Mold-Attack Scouring Powder

In a container with a shaker top, combine:

- 2/3 cup baking soda
- 1/3 cup borax

Stir ingredients to combine, then put on shaker lid or place a piece of plastic wrap under the secured lid and shake to mix.

Dampen moldy areas with a sponge, if needed. (It's likely the area is already damp, hence the mold.) Shake on powder and let sit a few minutes before wiping away. Rinse well.

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**• LAST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FOR 2010 •**

**October 16**

*G.W. Tatou, Routes 15 & 108, Cambridge*

9:00 - 12:00



**Acceptable  
Items to  
Bring**

- Pesticides/Insecticides
- Automotive Products
- Kerosene
- Paint cleaner products
- Thermostats
- Gasoline
- Household cleaners
- Pool/hobby chemicals
- Oil-based paints
- Waste oil
- Thermometers
- Aerosols

**Businesses Must Pre-Register!**

If you are a Conditionally Exempt Generator of HazWaste (less than 220 lbs./mo.), you should use these collections as a less expensive and more convenient method of hazardous waste disposal.

Businesses must pre-register no later than one week prior to the chosen collection date with a waste disposal inventory. For more information, contact the District Office at 888-7317 or visit our website at [www.lrswmd.org](http://www.lrswmd.org).

**Unacceptable  
Items**

- Fluorescent Bulbs\*
- Auto Batteries\*
- Computers\*
- Propane Tanks\*
- Alkaline Batteries
- Gas Cylinders
- Latex Paint
- Radioactive material
- Hazardous product containers
- Medical waste and medicines

**THESE  
COLLECTIONS  
ARE FOR  
LAMOILLE DISTRICT  
RESIDENTS  
ONLY**

All wastes in 55  
gallon drums  
**MUST** call ahead.



\* These items are accepted year-round at any LRSWMD drop off for a minimal fee.